

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. In the foreground, a wooden manger is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky with shades of orange, red, and purple. The background features rolling hills under a dark night sky filled with stars, including a prominent bright star in the upper right.

# European Christian Mission Prayer Diary December 2022

## THURSDAY 1

### **AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach**

Please pray for our dads who are both close to the end of life. It was a blessing that we could visit both of them in November. David's dad knows the Lord, but we do not have that comfort with Linda's dad. Our church will hold three Christmas services. The first will celebrate Christmas around the world. The second focuses on how relevant Christmas is in our world today. The third is a classic Christmas with traditional carols. Please pray for our witness to the invited guests.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3: 16**

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## FRIDAY 2

### **SPAIN: Mauricio and Karina Aldana in Güeñes, Bizkaia**

From today until 18 January, we'll be on home assignment in Guatemala. So please pray for us to have a safe trip and a good time with family and friends. We will be visiting the churches who partner with us and looking for opportunities to raise support because we do need it. We will also be sharing about the "Casa Camino Antiguo" project and asking the Lord to raise up partners to accomplish this. So please pray that we can find the right people.

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## SATURDAY 3

### **SLOVENIA: Sarah Deacon in Ljubljana**

Please pray for the Ladies Christmas Craft Evening at my church today, December 3. Please pray that ladies will come and that we will be able to share the gospel with them as we remember the real meaning of Christmas.



#### **SUNDAY 4**

##### **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris**

We give thanks that we will have a Baptism today, December 4, for a married couple who have been coming to the church for some time. We also have some events planned for the Christmas period with a family movie afternoon today at the Town Hall. Please pray for these events that we would see many coming and be able to share the hope that only Jesus can give.

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#### **MONDAY 5**

##### **ITALY: Richard and Pinuccia Wilson in Rovereto**

There are a lot of new people who have started coming to church in the past few months and who are now bringing still other people with them. Pray for a true and radical conversion and for their inclusion in the life of the church. Pray also for the congregation as it reflects on its witness in a post pandemic world as we read through the book of Acts together.

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#### **TUESDAY 6**

##### **SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma**

Pray for Ron and Brenda as they participate in the 4th Evangelical Congress of Catalunya which starts today, December 6. It will emphasise the need to create a culture of discipleship. Pray that leaders will see the need to get their ministries back to being engaged in the basic and key work of making disciples which in turn make disciples. Pray for the Camarma Church as we hold our general assembly and confirm several new elders as well as other leaders. On December 11, pray for unity, and God's clear leading as to who God has prepared to lead the church.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 7**

##### **ITALY: Erwin and Almut Buschlen in Montichiari**

Please pray for a good idea for our participation in an event from the town, where every association creates a Christmas crib. We try to interpretate a bible text in an artistic way. We

will give away a lot of calendars during the Christmas season. Please pray for all the people who will receive a calendar, that the Lord might speak to this people!

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### **THURSDAY 8**

#### **SPAIN: Colin and Jill Bakon in Valencia**

Pray for our move in early December to Madrid and for ease in getting to know what God is doing around Madrid, getting to know more pastors and settling in. Pray for our newly formed translation team as they revise the Simply Mobilizing materials. We are looking at getting our videos reshot with Spaniards.

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### **FRIDAY 9**

#### **CROATIA: Stephen and Tabita Bell in Zagreb**

Praise God for the series of 30-year anniversaries of the churches planted in Fier, Patos and Tirana in 1992. It was a joy to be at the Fier church in September and to see how it has developed. Patos celebrated its anniversary in November, and it was wonderful to meet up with many who worked there then, including ECM's Stuart Rowell. Pray for the Varaždin church, thanking God for keen believers and praying for many new believers.

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### **SATURDAY 10**

#### **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Waterford**

We are thankful for the monthly picnic in the park across the winter months, with church, to bring warmth and welcome and encourage one another as well as connect naturally with others. Pray for hot chocolate and Christmas-spiced hot drinks when we meet tomorrow December 11.

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### **SUNDAY 11**

#### **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Jonathan and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris**

Please pray for our Carol Service which is today, December 11, that many people would come. We will also have a short service on Christmas Day as we meet up to celebrate the birth of Christ. Pray that we might see some visitors come.



Jonathan and  
Nicola  
McCracken  
In  
Claremorris

Shane  
McGloin in  
Portugal



## **MONDAY 12**

### **PORTUGAL: Shane McGloin in Vila Real**

I am very thankful to be serving with our four churches (one a house group/church plant) here in the north of Portugal. Please pray for the growth and spiritual maturity of each congregation, particularly for those who gather for the house group. We also hope to have our team from Northern Ireland out to serve with our Christmas ministry. Please pray for this preparation.

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## **TUESDAY 13**

### **SPAIN: Ron and Brenda Anderson in Camarma**

Praise God for the 260 attendees at the Exponential Regional event in November. Several ECMers played an important role in organizing the event. Pray that the passion to create a culture of multiplication in discipleship and church planting will continue as the participants talk with leaders in their own churches and regions. Pray that they keep their vision clear and their heart warm.

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## **WEDNESDAY 14**

### **PORTUGAL: Ebersson and Magdalena David in Alentejo**

We thank and praise God for 2022, where we could see the great hands of the Lord over our lives here in Portugal. Pray that in 2023 we can achieve victories for the Kingdom of God in the places where seeds of the Gospel are being sown. Pray for the engagement of new financial supporters who offer with love for the missionary work through our family and many other missionaries who are in the field.

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## **THURSDAY 15**

### **NEW ZEALAND: Féy Cotter, National Director**

Angie Rodriguez from Hamilton (NZ) has been accepted to do a six-week short-term placement in Roquetas de Mar in Spain from Mid-December until the end of January. Angie is currently studying at Eastwest Bible College and, as a Spanish speaking Colombian, will have opportunities to teach Spanish to migrants, join kids and women's ministries and prayer walk. Please pray for Angie.

## **FRIDAY 16**

### **UKRAINE WAR AND REFUGEE CRISIS**

Life in Lviv has been disrupted by the power cuts. We have been able to supply the New Hope Office with a generator and two more are on their way. In Irpin the power cuts are more frequent and longer. Thankfully the Irpin Bible Church has a large generator. The food distribution and other relief efforts centred on the Church and the other volunteer centres continue to help large numbers of people and is a great witness. Work will start in the coming week on the houses that we are funding; five or six homes should be completed by mid-December.

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## **SATURDAY 17**

### **GERMANY: Gerard and Janneke de Wit in Schwerin-Lankow**

Today, December 17, we organise a Christmas party for the neighbourhood. There will be food, drinks, campfire, and a lot of time to meet. But we also tell the Bible Christmas story during a musical that we play with the children from the Kids club. Please pray that people feel welcome and that they get to know the love of Jesus.

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## **SUNDAY 18**

### **IRELAND: Colin and Ally Holmes in Waterford**

Please pray for our Christmas carol service today, December 18, as we celebrate Jesus together and begin to form a church family, since more than one third of our current number are new in the last year.

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## **MONDAY 19**

### **PORTUGAL: Carlos and Ana Freitas in Coimbra**

At the start of this school year we had a chat with our son's teacher to say that we would be willing to do a Christmas activity with the class. The teacher accepted and so we'll go in to the school to play games, sing songs and tell the story of Christmas. Maria's teacher at pre-school is open for us to also organize something for the two classes in pre-school. Please pray for God's wisdom and creativity to organize fun activities and boldness to tell the good news of Christmas.





## **TUESDAY 20**

### **PORTUGAL: Mike and Daveen Wilson in Mourão**

Please pray for rain; it's getting quite desperate. Also, for our friend, ZM, to be delivered from alcoholism and turn to God.

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## **WEDNESDAY 21**

### **AUSTRIA: David and Linda James in Villach**

Please pray for a greater openness to the Gospel. During advent we hope to share our faith at an evening of carol singing and mulled wine with our neighbours.

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## **THURSDAY 22**

### **GERMANY: Christian and Kseniya Kooiman in Schwerin**

Please pray for M. She came to believe not long ago. But now she decided to move out of our city and start her life somewhere else. Please pray that God will always be with her where she goes. And that she will not forget Him.

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## **FRIDAY 23**

### **SERBIA: Branko and Rada Tihojevic in Zajecar**

Please pray for open doors and every opportunity during this Christmas time to reach many people with the Gospel. We usually at this time of year go in different homes and sing Christmas carols, which is a great opportunity to inspire people's hearts to be joyful for the next day Holiday. Please pray that we will receive Christmas parcels in time and invite many children in the church for the Christmas story.

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## **SATURDAY 24**

### **KOSOVO: Gani and Adile Smolica in Peja**

At Christmas time we are giving away shoe boxes for children. This year we will take most of the boxes to the homes of people around us. Pray, for a response from the parents as we invite them to join us for the Service. We are having a joint Christmas Service for all believers from Peja and the neighbouring town.

## **SUNDAY 25**

### **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: Radovan and Blazenka Trajkovski in Novi Travnik**

In the town of Bugojno, Baptist churches prepare Operation Christian Child packages for children and packages for poor families. Please pray for God's leading in meeting with children and their parents and possibilities for spreading the Gospel.

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### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

## **MONDAY 26**

### **BULGARIA: Andrew and Kate Blackwell in Sofia**

Please pray for the Blackwells as they visit missionaries in Western Romania between Christmas and New Year. Please pray for safe travel and that they would be a blessing to all involved.

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If you are interested in Short term ministry in the future, we'd love to start the conversation with you. There are also lots of opportunities for supporting ministry in Europe from your own home.

## **TUESDAY 27**

### **SPAIN: Abel and Rafi Nuño in Bañeras**

May the Lord give us people and opportunities to share the gospel and give comfort to Abel's family for the loss of his mother, especially to her husband Daniel. May the Lord help us to combine ministry with caring for Abel's father. We continue to pray for Samuel. May the Lord help him in his work so that he may be able to provide for his family. Thank the Lord for His continued grace and mercy.

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## **WEDNESDAY 28**

### **PORTUGAL: Steve and Lydia Cockram in Coimbra**

From today we are taking 7 of our young people to the Revive Conference in Germany until January 2. Pray that God would speak to them during this time, and that he would give them a passion for him to serve him in their schools, work and universities. Pray that they would know more of Jesus as they spend time with young adults from all over the world.

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Please Contact your nearest ECM office for details.

## **THURSDAY 29**

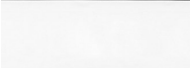
### **GERMANY: R and A in Berlin**

We are so thankful to God for hearing our prayers to find us a permanent building for church to meet in.

Wivenhoe	Colchester
Thorpe-le-Soken	Manningtree
Clacton	Mistley
	Wrabness
	Harwich Intl
	Dovercourt
	Harwich Town



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3	CHRISTIE	7 1410
5	STANSTED AIRPT	6 1410
6	CLACTON-ON-SEA	12 1410
8	HORSHAM	8 1424
9	STANSTED AIRPT	7 1430



## FRIDAY 30

### IRELAND: Lindsey Moorhead, ECM Ireland Director

At the end of December, Lindsay Moorhead will be leaving her role as ECM Ireland Director. Lindsay gives thanks for the opportunity to work alongside so many wonderful people and she is incredibly grateful for the Lord's provision, leading and guidance. We are also delighted to welcome our new ECM Ireland Director, Geoff Donaldson. Please pray for him as he takes over from Lindsay.

## SATURDAY 31

### SPAIN: Peter and Kate Knowlson in Peñarroya Pueblonuevo

Please pray for the small church in Peñarroya who will be noticing the absence of Peter and Kate Knowlson who retired this month. Pray that the church will flourish in this new season and that new leadership will soon arrive.

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